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LEAWOOD, KANSAS DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Doctor Bruce N. Parsa, 40, Leawood, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on July 15, 2003, before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to one count of conspiracy to dispense prescription drugs. Parsa had previously entered a guilty plea on June 13, 2003, to four counts of intentionally using a revoked registration number to obtain prescription drugs.

Melgren stated that Doctor Parsa admitted at his plea that between January 2000 and December 17, 2001, while he was employed as a psychiatrist in Leavenworth, Kansas, and Leawood, Kansas, he conspired with others to dispense a large quantity of amphetamines including the prescription drugs Dexedrine, Adderall, and Dextrostat and a large quantity of narcotic drugs including Oxycontin and Oxycodone. Parsa further admitted that he issued in excess of 200 prescriptions during this period of time outside the scope of his professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose. Parsa also admitted that he obtained excess quantities of the prescriptions for his personal use.

Dr. Bruce Parsa faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for October 6, 2003.

Melgren further announced that co-defendant **Angela J. Parsa**, 40, Leawood, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on July 11, 2003, before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to one count of obtaining a fraudulent prescription.

Melgren stated that Angela Parsa admitted at her plea that on October 11, 2001, she filled a fraudulent prescription in her maiden name, Angela Azcue, at a pharmacy to obtain Dexedrine. Angela Parsa further admitted that she had been married to co-defendant, Dr. Bruce N. Parsa, for approximately twelve years and that during 2000 Dr. Parsa began to prescribe Dexedrine for her. Angela Parsa admitted that she used her maiden name because it was easier to have the prescriptions filled if she did not have the same last name as Dr.

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Parsa. Angela Parsa further admitted that she knew that part of the Dexedrine from the prescription would be taken by Dr. Parsa.

Parsa faces a maximum of four years in federal prison, without parole. Sentencing is set for September 29, 2003, at 3:00 p.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the DEA Drug Diversion Unit in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.